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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/835,976 for PURIFIED AND ISOLATED POTASSIUM-CHLORIDE COTRANSPORTER NUCLEIC ACIDS AND POLYPEPTIDES AND THERAPEUTIC AND SCREENING METHODS USING SAME
Our File No. 1242/26/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO/SB/08A (in duplicate);
3. Copies of cited references (13 references);
4. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following references. Form PTO/SB/08A is attached hereto. Copies of the references are also enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 4,895,807 to Cherksey discloses a membrane channel protein and related therapeutic compounds.

U.S. Patent No. 5,166,162 to Masreel et al. discloses pyridylsulfonylurea and pyridylsulfonylthiourea compounds.

U.S. Patent No. 5,410,031 to Wright et al. discloses a nucleoside cotransporter protein cDNA.

U.S. Patent No. 5,441,875 to Hediger discloses a urea transporter polypeptide.

U.S. Patent No. 5,668,157 to Humphrey et al. discloses cyanoguanidines as k-channel blockers.

U.S. Patent No. 5,856,338 to Brendel et al. discloses sulfonamide-substituted compounds, processes for their preparation, their use as a medicament or diagnostic, and pharmaceutical preparation comprising them.

Canadian Patent No. 2,037,189 to Masreel et al. discloses new 4-(cycloalkylamino)pyridylsulphonyl (thio) urea derivatives for treating arterial hypertension and cerebral oedema.

European Patent Application No. 0 560 232 A1 to DeSouza et al. discloses novel 7-aminolabdanes, a process for their preparation and their use as pharmaceutical agents.

PCT International Application No. WO 96/17602 to Brandt et al. discloses a method for enhancing outflow of aqueous humor in treatment of glaucoma.

PCT International Application No. WO 96/34288 to Ni et al. discloses a human brain sodium-dependent inorganic phosphate cotransporter.

PCT International Application No. WO 98/29431 to Lifton et al. discloses a method to diagnose and treat pathological conditions resulting from deficient ion transport.

PCT International Application No. WO 98/37198 to Lal et al. discloses a human sodium-dependent phosphate cotransporter.

PCT International Application No. WO 98/53067 to Bevensee et al. discloses *NBC*, a gene that encodes a member of the bicarbonate transporter family of proteins.

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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